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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Lynne Edmondson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/28/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Komiyama (USPN 6457627).

Komiyama teaches a tapered wire bonding capillary comprising a face angle of up to 15 degrees and a height approximately equal to the wire thickness (figure 7B and col 6 lines 7-32) and a method of wire bonding with the capillary wherein a load of 490 mN to 980 mN is applied (col 6 lines 7-10).

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fogal (USPN 5662261).

Fogal teaches a tapered wire bonding capillary comprising a face angle of up to 15 degrees and a height approximately equal to the wire thickness (figures 1 and 6 and col 2 line 35 – col 3 line 6) and a method of wire bonding with the capillary.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Komiyama (USPN 6457627 B1).

Komiyama teaches a tapered wire bonding capillary comprising a face angle of up to 15 degrees and a height approximately equal to the wire thickness (figure 7B and col 6 lines 7-32) and a method of wire bonding with the capillary wherein a load of 490 mN to 980 mN is applied (col 6 lines 7-10). However there is no disclosure of the force applied per unit area.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention the pressure applied depend on wire thickness. A 250 micron wire will receive a load in the range between 100 and 200 g/cm².

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tadauchi (USPN 6673310 B2, 500 micron bonding wire), Koide et al. (USPN 4901550, 100 to 300 micron bonding wire), Kato (JPN 11-54539 A, face angle, wire thickness), Nachon et al. (USPN 558270, face angle),

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Perlberg et al. (USPN 6715658, face angle), Chapman et al. (US 2004/0056072 A1), Asanasavest (USPN 5437405) and Mutaguchi (USPN 6352197 B1).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynne Edmondson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1172. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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